

1536 Cahall Store
Chestertown
private

c. 1850

The Cahall Store, which now serves as a private lending library, is a mid-nineteenth century brick vernacular building with Chestertown's popular Greek Revival trim. The building closely ~~resembles~~ resembles the Washington College dormitory buildings, East, Middle, and West Hall, which are contemporary with it.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAMEHISTORIC
Cahall StoreAND/OR COMMON
Chestertown Library**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER
127 High StreetCITY, TOWN
Chestertown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
FirstSTATE
MarylandCOUNTY
Kent**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER library

4 OWNER OF PROPERTYNAME
Chestertown Library, Inc.

Telephone #: none

STREET & NUMBER
127 High StreetCITY, TOWN
Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md. 21620**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Md.

Liber #: RAS 37
Folio #: 160**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

none

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building, which now serves as a private circulating library, is situated on the southwest side of High Street at the corner of Queen and High Streets in Chestertown. It is on a part of Town Lot 11.

It is a brick 2-story, 4-bay square nineteenth century vernacular building with Greek Revival features. It has a hipped roof and low flat-roofed bracketed cupola on the deck. The masonry is all stretcher brick, and there are thin mortar joints.

The building was originally a store. The entrance is in the southeast (left) bay, is 6-paneled, is framed by 3-pane sidelights, and has a 4-pane transom. There are three large display size 8/8 windows beside it, which are unshuttered. The four second story windows are 6/6 and are shuttered. The door and all of the windows on the facade have flat arches.

There is a deep fascia board which comes down to the top of the second story window arches. The cornice is a plain box and is bracketed. The hipped roof is covered with composition shingles. There is a chimney in the southwest corner.

The southeast elevation has one window on the second floor, which is 6/6, shuttered, and has a flat arch. The northwest elevation had a door in the front bay, which is now bricked in. There are four windows on the second floor, which have 6 panes over 6, shutters, and flat arches.

A 2-story, 2-bay flatroofed brick addition has been built onto the rear, replacing a frame wing (1940's).

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Thomas B. Hynson bought the northwest half of Town Lot 11, on which both 123-125 High Street and the Chestertown Library are now situated, between 1848 and 1855 for a total outlay of \$560. The piece the store is on was purchased in 1848, and we presume Hynson had the building built soon thereafter; we know it was up by 1877, as it shows up on the Chestertown Map of that year. (123-125 was not built until after 1877, but was up by 1883, when it and the store brought \$6700 together from Alexander J. Cahall.)

The building was known as "Cahall's Store" in the late nineteenth and into the present century, until it was willed by the storekeeper Cahall to the Methodist Church in 1933.

It generally resembles the Washington College buildings, East and West Halls, built in 1854 to flank the slightly more elaborate Middle Hall, built ten years earlier.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Situated on the southeasterly side of High Street and the easterly side of Queen Street where the same intersect and having a frontage on High Street of $31\frac{1}{2}$ feet more or less, and an even depth of 89p feet and which lot adjoins other lands formerly owned by Ruth A. Cahall, now deceased. Part of Town Lot 11.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert Neill Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historic Trust / Town of Chestertown

June, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

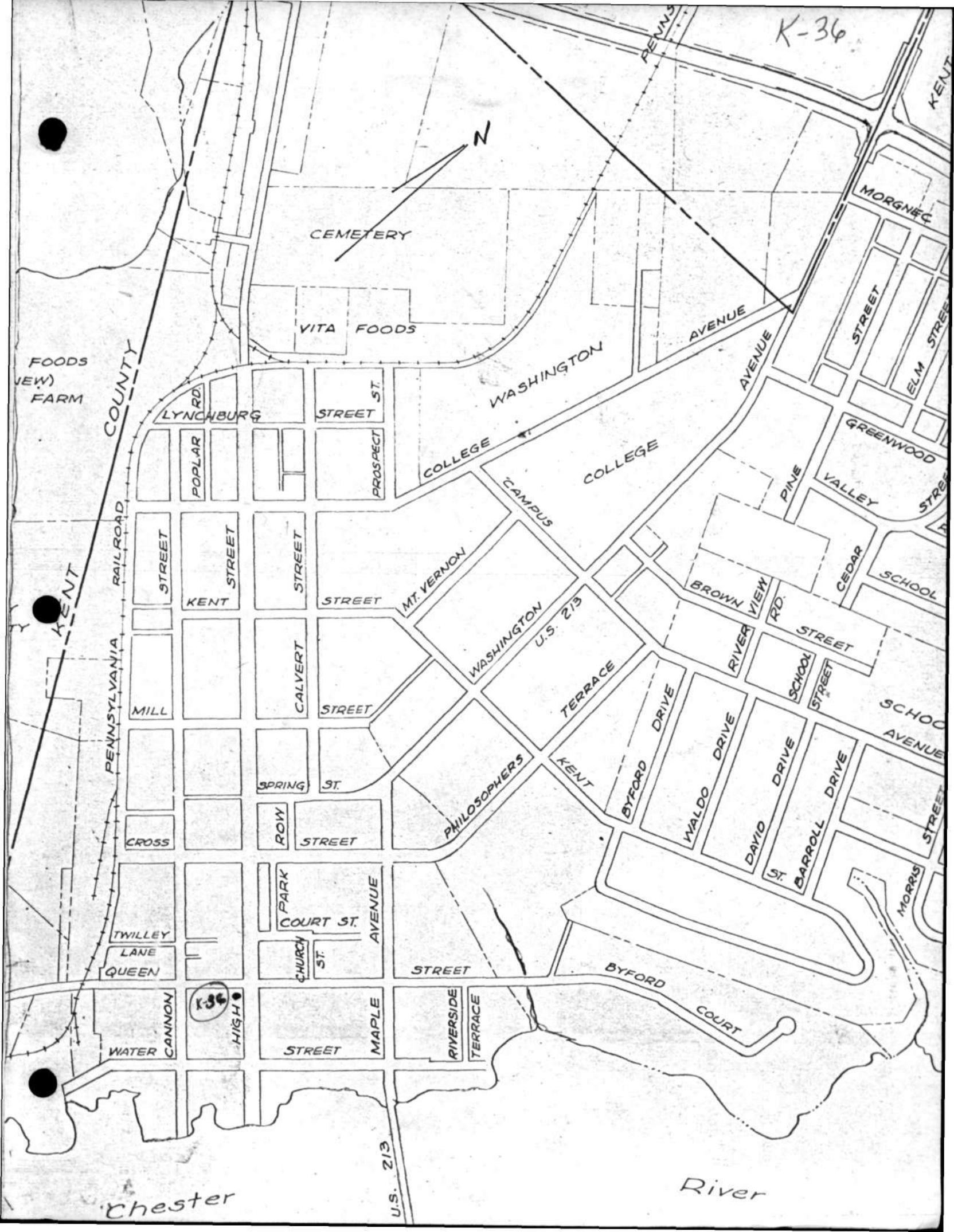
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FOODS
(VIEW)
FARM

COUNTY
RAILROAD
PENNSYLVANIA

CEMETERY

VITA FOODS

LYNCBURG

POPLAR
RD

STREET

PROSPECT
ST.

WASHINGTON
AVENUE

COLLEGE
AVENUE

MORGNEC

STREET

ELM STREET

GREENWOOD

VALLEY

STREET

SCHOOL

STREET

SCHOOL

AVENUE

STREET

MORRIS

COLLEGE

CAMPUS

MT. VERNON

WASHINGTON
U.S. 213

TERRACE

PHILOSOPHERS

KENT

BYFORD DRIVE

WALDO DRIVE

DAVID DRIVE

BARROLL DRIVE

BROWN VIEW
RD.

RIVER

SCHOOL

STREET

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SPRING ST.

ROW

STREET

PARK

COURT ST.

CHURCH

ST.

AVENUE

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MAPLE

STREET

RIVERSIDE

TERRACE

BYFORD

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WATER
CANNON

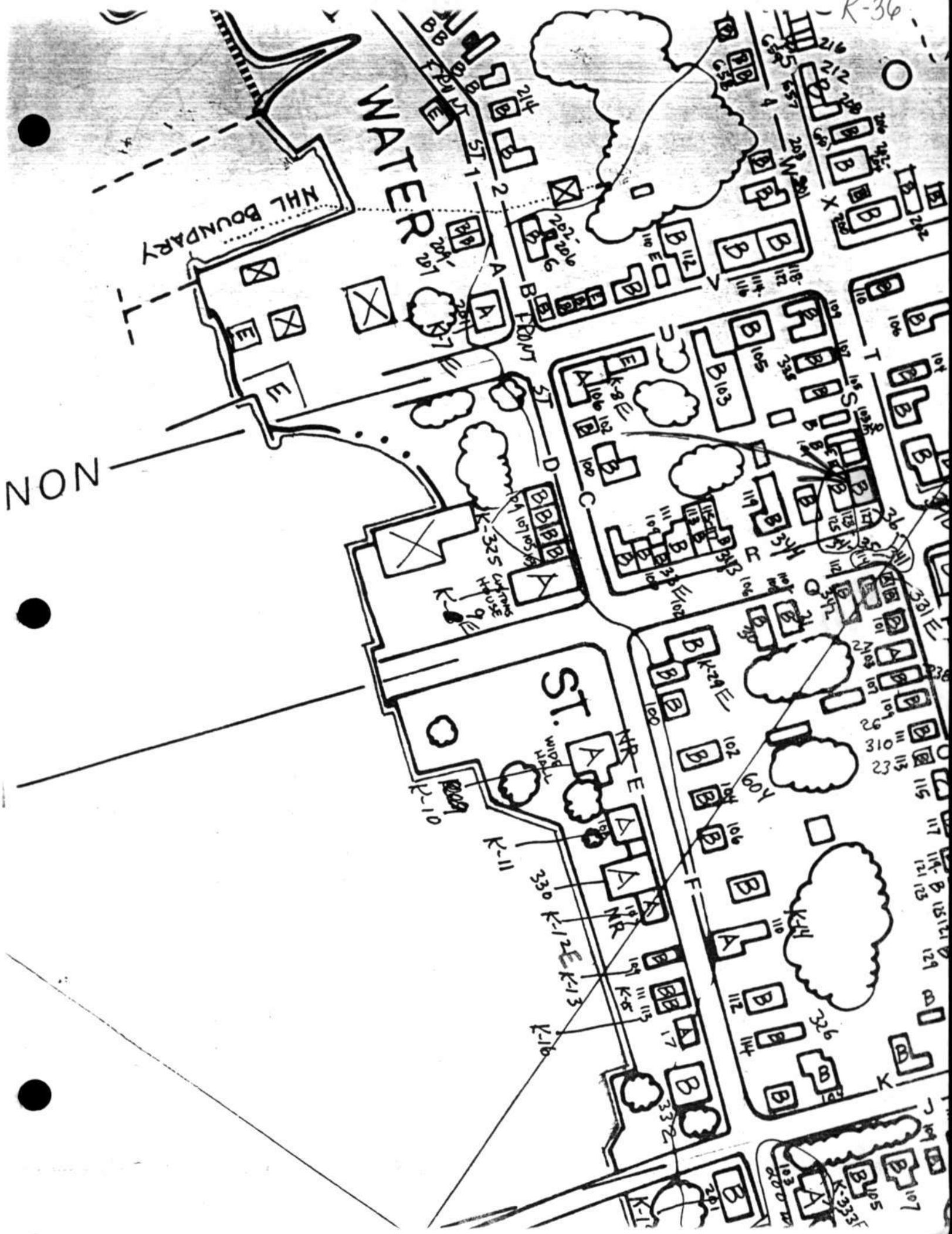
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Kent County





K 36 Cahall Stone
127 High

1/77 NW



X 34 Caball Store

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